

## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	) : Examiner: Mark E. Wallerson )
MASAHIKO MURATA ET AL.	)	
Application No.: 09/443,115	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
	:	Confirmation No.: 6777
Filed: November 18, 1999	<i>)</i> :	
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND COMPUTER	)	July 28, 2005
PROGRAM PRODUCT	)	

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.